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KILLS WHOLE FAMILY

FARMER WAYLAYS NEIGHBOR AND SLAYS HIM.

Father is Killed by a Shot and the Mother and Her Three Little Ones Are Beaten to Death with Butt of the Gun.

Barney Parsons, a farmer, his wife and three children were murdered Friday near Licking, Mo. A farmer named Hamilton has been arrested, charged with the murder, and is said to have confessed.

Parsons had sold his farm and crops to Hamilton and it is alleged that the men quarreled over the terms of the sale. Parsons and family set out from their former home in a covered wagon, bound for northern Missouri. The body of Parsons was found shot to death and the mother and three children had been clubbed to death.

John Hamilton, the alleged murderer, is in the Houston jail, strongly guarded to prevent lynching. He is said to have made a complete confession, of which the following is a summary:

At a timber bordered place in the road, as Parsons and his family were driving along, they were confronted by Hamilton, armed with a shotgun. Deliberately aiming at Parsons Hamilton discharged both barrels of the gun and Parsons fell to the ground. Hamilton then advanced upon him clubbed him over the head with the butt of the gun several times. He then beat the head of the mother almost to a pulp and after killing her, clubbed the three children to death. The bodies of all five were then loaded into a wagon and taken to Big Piney creek, about one mile distant from the scene of the murder, and dumped into the creek.

A party of fishermen from Houston discovered the bodies of two of the children Saturday about noon. A further search brought to light the bodies of both parents and word was sent to Houston. Shortly after the news had been received there Hamilton rode into town on a mule that was recognized as one that belonged to Parsons. He was arrested and locked up in jail.

SLAIN BY HIGHWAYMAN.

Two Men Shot to Death by Lone Robber in Oakland, Cal.

Two men were murdered in Oakland, Cal., early Sunday morning near the Sixteenth street depot by a highwayman. Conductor L. M. Samuel and Motorman J. M. Tenny were sitting inside their electric car. Samuel had his night's receipts spread out before him, counting them. A man with a handkerchief tied over the lower part of his face entered, carrying a revolver. Motorman Tenny rushed for the bandit and struck him over the head with his controller. The robber fired, the shot taking effect in Tenny's breast. Continuing to discharge his revolver, the robber retreated through the door and escaped in the darkness. Two hours later Tenny died from his wounds. About 3 o'clock, while searching for the robber, the dead body of William P. Trubody, night watchman for Holbrook, Merrill & Stetson's ware house, was found outside the warehouse by the police with a bullet hole over the heart. He had evidently been attracted by the shooting that killed the motorman and tried to stop the fleeing highwayman.

TO URGE PYTHIAN MERGER.

Plan for Union of the Two Ladies' Auxiliaries.

Charles Shiveley, of Richmond, Ind., supreme chancellor of Knights of Pythias of the world, will recommend to the supreme convention, which meets at New Orleans this week, that the supreme lodge take such action as will enable the two organizations of Rathbone Sisters and Pythian Sisterhood to consolidate, so that the Pythian Sisterhood, and all of the members of these organizations, embracing the wives, sisters, daughters and mothers of members, may be brought into closer touch with the order.

Locomotive Hits Train.

Nine persons were killed and nineteen seriously and many slightly hurt in a railroad collision Sunday at Eperton, department of Eure et Loire, France. The train was standing at the station when a locomotive crashed into it.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$6.50. Top hogs, \$6.30.

Hurricane in Nicaragua.

A wireless message from Bluefields, Nicaragua, says that a severe hurricane in Port Limon, Costa Rica, Sunday has done a quarter of a million dollars damage to rubber and banana crops, besides other property damage.

Heavy Rains in Texas.

A heavy rain fell over the greatest part of Texas during Saturday night and Sunday doing considerable damage to the cotton crop. There will be a heavy loss in rice.

CHICAGO BACK TO LABOR WAR.

Lockout of 50,000 Builders is Threatened.

A lockout of 50,000 building trades employees is threatened in Chicago as the result of numerous sympathetic strikes on various buildings now being erected in the downtown district.

At a conference Friday between union representatives and several contractors no solution of the difficulty was reached, and at the close the contractors issued an ultimatum which was in effect:

"Return to work or stay away forever."

The strikes are said to have been caused by rivalry between the steamfitters and plumbers' unions as to which trade shall install pneumatic tubing. Among the structures affected are the new county court house, the Commercial National bank building and the new Marshall Field structure. It is said that close to \$3,000,000 worth of contracts are tied up pending a settlement of the difficulty.

MANY LIVES IN PERIL.

Over 200 Women Forced to Flee from Flames.

Women and girls to the number of 250 employed in the various tailoring shops in a five-story brick building in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, N. Y., escaped from their workroom by means of fire ladders Saturday when the building caught fire. None of them were injured, but all were badly frightened when a blaze beginning on the third floor cut off their exit by stairs.

The upper part of the building was burned out and the stage of Phillips' Lyceum theater adjoining was badly damaged. The loss is \$50,000.

MOUNT PEELEE AROUSED.

Violent Eruption Occurs on Famous Volcano.

A violent eruption Friday of the Mount Pelee volcano, island of Martinique, caused a rain of ashes over the southeast part of Guadeloupe. The Soufriere volcano on this island shows no signs of activity.

From Oct. 6 to 10 the atmosphere at St. Thomas was thickly charged with fine, volcanic ashes, equalling in density any observed during the worst eruptions of Mount Pelee, which, apparently, is strongly disturbed.

BATTLE WITH ROBBERS.

Toledo Policemen Best Band of Highwaymen.

A desperate encounter between police and three holdup men took place early Saturday in East Toledo, O. Policeman Joseph Schlagheck fatally shot two of the highwaymen and hurt the third man, known as "Blackie," who escaped.

Christ Peterson, Neil Myers and "Blackie" held up E. H. Carnell, an insurance agent, after nearly choking him to death, and robbed him of \$45.

Murder Charge Follows Suicide.

Orson Broka, of Deshler, O., a young farmer, was arrested at Napoleon Thursday on a warrant charging him with the murder of Miss Jennie Dicker, said to be his sweetheart. The warrant was sworn out by John Miller, brother-in-law of the dead girl, who alleges that Broka bought the arsenic which the girl swallowed with the knowledge that she would attempt self-destruction.

Will Help Pay Insurance Rate.

The supreme council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit association, in session at Detroit, Mich., Thursday, decided that the association will advance to old members the difference between the former and the present insurance rates, these advances to be paid back to the association with 4 per cent interest out of the insurance when it becomes finally due.

Are Accused of Theft.

W. T. Martin, Jr., a former employee of the Daves commission and M. D. Dunleavy, a prominent real estate man, were indicted Friday by the federal grand jury at Muskogee, I. T., charged with theft from the government offices over a year ago of the Creek Indian rolls. They were arrested and released on bonds.

Webb May Recover.

Jesse B. Webb, of Smithville, Mo., who Thursday was shot by his wife, who then killed herself in carrying out a suicide pact entered into by the young couple, was much improved Friday morning and may recover.

Pistol Duel in Denver.

Jas. Thornton and E. Hoffness engaged in a pistol duel in the offices of a brokerage company on Curtis street, Denver, Colo., Friday and Thornton received a wound in the abdomen which may prove fatal.

Higher Pay for Freight Handlers. Freight handlers in Portland, Ore., have been granted an increase amounting to about 10 cents a day. The new scale will affect truckers, haulers, carmen and checkers.

Prices Are Cut.

All grades of refined sugar were reduced 10 cents per 100 pounds at New York Friday.

Fruit Growers Suffer Heavy Loss.

It is estimated that over \$500,000 loss has been sustained in the Niagara, Canada, district by the heavy rain, snow and sleet storm of the past few days. The damage to fruit trees will be very heavy.

Restricts Campaign Post Cards.

Postmaster Wilcox, of New York, has issued an order excluding from the mails all campaign postal cards designed to obviously reflect upon the conduct or character of any candidate.

MEET DEATH IN A TUNNEL.

Three Men Killed in Tube Under Long Island City.

Three men were killed and a dozen others rendered unconscious by an explosion and fire in the Pennsylvania railroad tunnel under Long Island city Thursday.

The dead men were said to be: Geo. Chapman, a lock turner named Michael Daly and a foreman named Joseph Hearce.

The cause of the explosion is unknown. It took place under the Long Island railroad station in a lock at the end of one of the four tubes which are being dug to connect with the tubes running under the East river to Manhattan island, to connect with the subways leading to the proposed Pennsylvania railroad station.

There were twenty men at work in the lock and three of them were rendered insensible, either by concussion of the smoke of the fire which followed it.

When the last of the conscious men was brought to the surface he declared several men were lying unconscious at the bottom of the shaft. There was a call for rescuers, and a dozen or more tunnel workers promptly responded. Two of them were lowered into the shaft and those at the bottom were quickly brought up to the street.

SPAIN FACES CHURCH WAR.

Vatican and Liberal Government Will Clash.

Upon the reassembling of the courts Oct. 20 in Madrid the vatican and the liberal government of Marshal Lopeze Dominguez will cross swords over the church issue.

While the actual question of the separation of church and state in Spain, a stronghold of Catholicism, is not to be immediately raised, as in France, the democratic program of the liberals is distinctly anti-clerical and if it progresses successfully is sure ultimately to lead to an open fight for the severance of the ties which bind the vatican and the Bourbon dynasty.

WILL NOT NAME MAGOON.

Office of Vice Governor of Philippines Cannot Avail on Cuba.

The Associated Press learned Thursday on the highest authority that the vacancy in the office of vice governor of the Philippines cannot await the conclusion of the duties of Charles E. Magoon, who is to succeed Taft as provisional governor of Cuba.

This is a great disappointment to Taft, who desired that Magoon take up his work soon in the Philippines. It is believed the appointment of a vice governor of the Philippines will be made immediately on Taft's return to Washington.

Would-Be Murderer Ends Life.

The dead body of John Spitzner, sausage maker, was found in the woods near Chehalis, Wash., Thursday. He had shot himself soon after his attempt to kill Judge Moses Yoder and family and undoubtedly died in the belief that he had killed the attorney who assisted his wife in securing a divorce from him.

Young Fairbanks Married.

Announcement was made at Steubenville, O., Thursday that Frederick Cole Fairbanks, son of the vice president of the United States, eloped from Pittsburg with Miss Nellie Scott, and were married. It is stated that Mr. Fairbanks objected to the marriage. The bride is a daughter of a prominent east side resident of Pittsburg.

To Save Wisconsin Students.

At Madison, Wis., the Presbyterian synod of Wisconsin voted Thursday to elect a student pastor to work among the students at the state university as a salary of \$2,000. This action follows a similar one just taken by the Roman Catholics, Episcopalians and Congregationalists of the state.

Cotton is Nipped.

A heavy frost occurred around Atlanta and throughout northern Georgia Wednesday night. Frost is reported from the southern counties of the state. President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton association, estimates that between 40,000 and 50,000 bales of cotton were killed in Georgia alone.

Reject Eight-Hour Day.

The general managers of the railroads in Chicago, who recently received demands from the union switchmen on their lines that an eight-hour day and other concessions be granted, decided Thursday to refuse the demand of the men.

Peace in San Domingo.

Cables received in Washington Thursday from San Domingo state that an agreement has been reached between the government and the insurgent forces in the neighborhood of Monte Cristi, whereby the insurgents will surrender to the government.

Maj. J. H. Stine Dead.

Maj. J. H. Stine, president of the United States Historical society and historian of the Army of the Potomac, died suddenly at his home in Washington, D. C. Thursday night.

Fire Burns Many Buildings.

A fire which started Thursday in the railway station at Summerside, near Charlottetown, P. E. I., destroyed forty-two buildings, including the post-office, English and Baptist churches and four hotels. The loss has not yet been estimated.

Six Killed in Wreck.

Five men were killed in a head-on freight collision on the Union Pacific railroad at Ridge, near Laramie, Wyo., Thursday night.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Omaha Has Crime Puzzle—Murder of Young Woman is Dark Mystery—Entire Police Force Hunting for the Slayer.

The murder of Miss Josephine Rummelhart, the young woman who was assaulted Saturday night at Twenty-sixth and Dodge streets, Omaha, and who died Sunday at the Omaha general hospital, is still a deep mystery, beyond the fact that the woman's assailant criminally assaulted and killed his victim to subdue her or to suppress her outcries. The woman carried no purse or handbag and her only valuable article with her was an ordinary ring. Every member of the police is working on the case.

Miss Rummelhart did not regain consciousness and consequently gave no information which might have helped the police in their work. The best evidence now in hand indicates that the woman was walking west on the north side of Dodge street and was struck with the club and brick by the brute as she reached the corner, the supposition of the police being that the man saw her coming and was hid behind the telephone pole; that when she reached that point he jumped out and struck her, either without warning or in response to her refusal to comply with his demands.

A reward of \$1,500 will be paid for evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who committed the crime.

CLEMENT IS FOUND GUILTY.

Sarpy County Jury Convicts Him of Murder in Second Degree.

Wednesday at Papillion the jury in the case of Fred Clement, charged with killing Lou Goldie, returned a verdict of murder in the second degree and was discharged. The jury was out nearly twenty-four hours. Clement will not be sentenced at this time, as his attorneys have prepared a motion for a new trial, which will be argued later in the term.

Blaze at Stockham.

Wednesday morning fire was discovered in the building occupied by C. O. Zakem, general merchandise, at Stockham. The fire spread rapidly, burning four other store buildings. Two, owned by Mrs. Coon, valued at \$17,000, no insurance; P. J. Maupin, store building, lost \$1,000, insurance \$500, general merchandise, \$5,000, insurance \$5,000; J. A. Reynolds, building, \$200; G. H. Lindall, building, \$800. Zakem's loss, general merchandise, \$3,500; insurance, \$1,200. E. D. Ridsen, saloon, \$1,500, no insurance; J. R. Everett, drugs, loss \$2,200, insurance, \$1,500.

Burned in His Own Hay.

Henry Bakenhus was badly burned the other day. He was drawing a load of hay to his stock yards and stopped to set fire to a pile of rubbish. The mules backed the load of hay over the fire and it caught. Mr. Bakenhus did not notice that the hay was on fire and when he did his horse got caught, and in struggling to extricate himself he fell backward into the fire with the result that his whole left side was burned to a blister and his garments partly consumed.

To Vote on Bond Issue.

At a recent meeting of the North Platte city council the city attorney was instructed to prepare a proposition to submit to the voters at the city at the November election, of issuing bonds in the sum of \$90,000 to purchase the water plant. The appraised value of the plant was about \$85,000, but it was thought best to make the bonds \$90,000 in order to meet possible extra expense.

Tax List is Small.

The delinquent tax sale notices, which are now running in a couple of Fremont papers, are the shortest ever published, covering only a column. The delinquent amounts are mostly small and on outlying lots or small tracts of little value. The largest is \$3,300 and the smallest 15 cents. Only a few years ago the delinquent list covered half a page.

Death Remains a Mystery.

After two days of work by the sheriff of Douglas county the death of Herbert C. Burke, whose body was found at Florence Monday morning, remains as deeply shrouded in mystery as it was the morning he was found. A reward of \$1,000 has been offered by the county for Burke's slayer.

Child Burned to Death.

The 3-year-old child of Jessie Morgan was burned to death at Wynora. The mother stepped over to a neighbor's, leaving the little one playing in the yard. During her absence the child secured some matches and set his clothing on fire.

Switchman Dead on Track.

Five cars passed over Switchman Edward Kelly Thursday morning in the Missouri Pacific yards at Fifteenth and Cumings streets, Omaha, cutting his body in two and killing him instantly.

Farmer Loses Leg.

Henry Weiss, living five miles east Crete, was severely injured. He was firing a traction engine, when the left foot became caught in a set of cog wheels and ground to a pulp.

Clark Wants New Trial.

Harrison Clark, under sentence of death for the murder of Conductor Flury at South Omaha several months ago, has appealed to the supreme court, which acts as a stay of execution until his hearing there.

Will Carry Mail.

It is understood that on and after Oct. 29 the Sioux City-Ashland extension of the Burlington railroad is to begin to carry United States mail, and the stage route between Homer and Dakota City will be abandoned.

CLUB WOMEN MEET.

Busy Session of State Federation Held at Kearney.

Wednesday, the second day of the convention of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs at Kearney, registered 112 delegates and 13 officers, representing 67 clubs. Mrs. Florence Kelley, of New York, secretary of the National Consumers' League, arrived Wednesday to speak on the industrial program. During the morning business session an amendment to the constitution providing for a biennial instead of an annual convention was defeated. An admirable innovation was the presentation of club reports by districts in a resume by the district vice presidents. The Third and Fifth districts made the best showing for accomplishment, especially in library extension and civic work.

It was announced that the splendid art loan collection of the General Federation of Women's Clubs will be circulated in Nebraska in January, the sole cost to borrowing clubs being its transportation from one town to another.

FOUND DEAD IN CORNFIELD.

Not Known Whether It is a Case of Murder or Suicide.

While a rural mail carrier was making his trip Saturday morning he saw a man undressing beside a cornfield about fifteen miles from Schuyler, but thinking he was changing his clothes thought nothing of it till Monday morning, when passing the same place he noticed the clothes lying on the ground. In company with a friend the next day they stopped to investigate. Looking at the clothes they found blood on them. They then followed the clue into the cornfield, and found the man which the mail carrier had seen Saturday morning naked, with a gash cut through his neck from ear to ear.

Whether it was a case of suicide or murder nobody knows. He was a stranger to both men who found him. Coroner Allen was notified and the body was taken to Clarkson, the nearest town, for inquest.

EDITOR WILLIAM HUSE DEAD.

Pioneer Nebraska Newspaper Man Passes Away.

William Huse, Sr., one of the pioneer newspaper men of Nebraska, who started the Ponca Journal thirty-three years ago, is dead at Wayne, after a week's illness of pneumonia at the age of 78. Mr. Huse founded the first paper in northern Nebraska north of the Elkhorn river a third of a century ago, the Northern Nebraska Journal, at Ponca. It was founded in 1873. Later he founded the Hartington Herald, the Wayne Herald, the Newcastle Times, the Jackson Reporter. He operated the Ponca paper for twenty-seven years. Four years ago he rebought the Wayne Herald, with his son. He was author of the History of Dixon county, and wrote short stories for magazines to some extent.

Oil Indications in York.

A Pennsylvania gentleman coming from the oil regions of that state noticing the outpour of oil coming from some oil reservoir that is constantly floating out on the surface of the water in the Blue near McCool Junction, claims that underneath are oil lakes or reservoirs of oil. Oil in Pennsylvania was discovered in the same way along the creeks.

Narrow Escape from Fire.

The plant of the Beatrice Cold Storage company had a close call from destruction by fire. Fire started in the large coal bin just north of the plant, but by the hardest kind of work the coal was removed and the flames extinguished. Spontaneous combustion is supposed to have caused the blaze.

Must Face the Music.

C. H. Walker, who is charged with securing money for stock in his fake umbrella factory at Omaha, transferring it to his wife in Sioux City and then when the investor demanded the return of his money, turning him off with a personal note which is not worth the paper it is written on, must stand trial in the Omaha courts.

Married Fifty Years.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beckenhauer, pioneer settlers of Cumings county, celebrated their golden wedding on Sunday. The couple was married in Germany fifty years ago and are the parents of ten children, all of whom are living and were present to celebrate this event.

Apples Going to Waste.

Thousands of bushels of good apples are going to waste in the orchards of Johnson county. There is no market for the fruit. For elder purposes only 25 cents per 100 pounds is paid for the apples, but the orchardists will not pick them and deliver them for that amount.

Section Hand Injured.

Louis Benkus, a Northwestern section hand, was badly injured Friday noon by being run over by a handcar. He fell off the front of the car about a mile west of Fremont, was dragged several feet and seriously bruised and injured.

Holdup at Madison.

Al Smith, a Madison business man, was sandbagged and robbed of \$125 in a dark alley at Madison. He was found unconscious some time afterwards. Citizens have offered \$150 for the arrest of the highwayman.

Wanderer Returns to Home.

After being absent and unheard of for seventeen years James Cuhel of North Bend put in an appearance last week at his brother's home near that town.

Forced Out by Scandal.

After a sensational fight of three months against the authority of Gov. Mickey, Superintendent Alder Monday retired from the management of the Norfolk insane hospital. He was accused of allowing unspeakable cruelties. Dr. Young will succeed him.

A Gift from Carnegie.

Andrew Carnegie has agreed to give the York college \$15,000 providing \$40,000 is raised by the college. Prof. Shell, president of York college, hopes to raise the funds required.



A question of official precedence has been raised by Congressman Moses P. Kinkaid, of O'Neill, representative from the Sixth Nebraska district, in a letter to Secretary of State Galusha, asking that nominees for congress be given a place on the ballot in advance of the state ticket at the coming election. He declares that as part of the national ticket they are entitled to precedence over candidates for state offices. Unfortunately for Mr. Kinkaid and other congressional nominees, the ballot law of Nebraska is plainly against the arrangement he proposes. The law contains a sample schedule of the official ballot and provides that it must be followed closely as possible in making up the ticket. This assigns to congressmen a place just below the state ticket and above the legislative candidates, the theory of the law makers evidently being that candidates voted for by all the people of the state should come first and those elected by districts afterwards. On receipt of Congressman Kinkaid's letter, Secretary of State Galusha referred it to the attorney general's office for an opinion. Deputy W. T. Thompson, of the legal department looked up the law on the subject, which he found in section 140, chapter 26, Compiled Statutes of 1905. It is provided that the form of the ballot shall be nearly as possible conform to the accompanying schedule. The conclusion which he reached was reported to the secretary of state's office in this language: "Schedule A, set forth in the statutes under section 159 of said chapter, is made a part of the statute and is the form of the ballot and the order in which the names shall appear thereon. It is our opinion that this statute is not open to construction, and that it is your duty as secretary of state to follow its provisions." The secretary of state, in certifying the nominees to the clerks of the various counties, will follow the attorney general's opinion and recommend that the nominees for state office precede those for congress on the ballot.

Does a mail carrier on a star route become a common carrier when he accepts passengers and packages for transportation, and is he liable to prosecution for handling illegal packages the same as a railroad or an express company would be? Chief Game Warden Geo. L. Carter encounters all sorts of nuts to crack in his business, and this is the latest. He has a criminal complaint on file in which a postal wagon carrier operating a route between North Platte and Gandy is accused of hauling prairie chickens to the former place and delivering them to a hotel keeper. The fowls are sent by a "pot hunter" living near Myrtle, a point midway between North Platte and Gandy. The knotty point was submitted to the attorney general's office for an opinion. Deputy Attorney General Thompson expressed the informal view that it is more a question of mail carrier than one of law whether the mail carrier can be classed and treated as a common carrier. The case has phases of uncertainty which may require a test prosecution to determine the status of the carrier.

Attorney General Brown has filed a brief for the state in the supreme court of the United States in the noted flag case, entitled Nicholas V. Halter and Harry V. Hayward, plaintiffs, error, against the state of Nebraska. It is practically a duplicate of the filing made in the supreme court of Nebraska on which the state's contentions against the use of the national emblem for advertising purposes were held good. Since the trial at Lincoln, congress has passed a bill prohibiting the issuance of trade mark stamps to firms which use the flag in that way. Attorney General Brown quotes this act in his brief to the United States tribunal. The act complained of was selling beer in a bottle decorated with a flag advertisement. The two men were convicted at Omaha and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 each, with costs. They appealed to the supreme court of Nebraska and then beaters there took the case up to the last sort of federal jurisdiction.

In the case of John Sebastia and others against the Supreme Court of Honor of the question of payment on a policy of insurance where the cause of death was alleged to be suicide is involved. The court holds against the lodge, reversing the judgment from the district court of Cass county. The ruling is that to avoid payment of the policy the fraternal society must prove that the policy holder committed suicide intentionally. Sebastia accomplished his suicide by soaking match heads in water and drinking the fluid, and there was doubt of his sanity.

The "reformers" succeeded in effecting a compromise between the two factions in the senior class of the state university and the result was the election of C. McWilliams, of Chester, president. Miss Helen Huse received 28 votes and Denton Slaughter 45. The president-elect received 85 votes.

The Women's Home Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church held its annual meeting in Lincoln. The society is national in its scope and people from all parts of the country were in attendance.

Gov. Mickey made a business trip to Iowa, Ia., where he attended a meeting of the board of directors of his cement company.

Sheriff Riss has begun the organization of a vigilance committee to stop horse stealing and to catch horse thieves. During the last year horse stealing has been a favorite pastime for